

Curriculum Committee Meeting

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

7:30-9 PM via Zoom

Present: Taryn Beard, April Crofut, Scot Gibson, Kimberly McKittrick, Maureen Pendras.
(Absent: Julie Wood, Cara Alexander, Kelly Shanks Lippman)

1. Called to order at 7:35 PM
2. Scot announced that Cara Alexander would not be present at today's meeting, nor future meetings, as she has decided to step back from all SPSI activities for a time, including membership in the Curriculum Committee. She wished to convey to the members of the committee that she was sorry that she was not able to be at the meeting today to make this announcement and say goodbye, as she had sustained an injury (her horse stepped on her foot).
3. Welcomed new committee members April Crofut and Kimberly McKittrick. Discussed committee rules and culture, and reaffirmed for the entire committee the need for confidentiality in some of our discussions.
4. Reviewed September meeting minutes. Motion to approve with no changes: Carried.
5. Scot updated the committee that the APsaA Joint Application (for continuing education credits for our educational activities) had been completed in early September. He told the committee that he had been notified by Zan that the iCAPP program had not yet submitted theirs, and a discussion took place around how to support the iCAPP program going forward.
6. 2021-2022 Curriculum Planning:
 - a. Middle Phase: Kathy Weissbourd confirmed as an instructor, and she has requested a co-instructor. Several people have already been asked and declined. Other ideas: Sarah Matlock, Janet Soeprono, Liz Jordan. *(Note: after the meeting I heard from Kelly, who is in contact with Kathy, that she has decided to teach without a co-instructor.)*
 - b. Termination: Chris Keats and Babs Glover confirmed.
 - c. Hum Dev Latency (Middle Childhood): Ashley Harmon contacted the committee after our general appeal to the faculty and has agreed to teach.
 - d. Child Analysis: Julie continuing to put together the Child curriculum in 4-8 week blocks. We deferred discussion of this to such time as she was present.
 - e. Case Conference: Winter Trimester slots filled; still looking for instructors for two Spring Trimester classes. Ideas: Matt Brooks, Darren Thompson, Jo Hoffman, Ann De Lancey, Joel Martell, Martin Bullard. Marueen and Scot will contact these.
 - f. General instructor shortage: April noted that she had reached out to some SPSI grads at the Oregon Psychoanalytic Center to gauge their interest in teaching at SPSI, and she

said at least one person was interested. She will follow up with them to discuss the possibility of leading a case conference. We also discussed reaching out to potential instructors from the Vancouver institute.

7. Kimberly and April announced that the CAAO had decided to end the didactic symposium, which has been held in the 11th case conference slot every trimester for the last several years – this due to lack of interest in further didactics at this time. They are discussing with the CAs the possibility of dedicating that time to a CA-wide group process session. April will write up a proposal for this for the Committee to discuss.

7. Course evaluations: deferred until such time as Kelly Shanks Lippman was present.

8. Transition to in person learning: There was a free-associative discussion about the eventuality of having classes in person again. One thread was the fears of having a hybrid class model, with several people in the classroom plus several people on screen. It was suggested that, as we are all now much more adept at using Zoom and working remotely, that the hybrid model may not be as problematic as feared. The CAs did note a general level of Zoom fatigue among their ranks. It was also noted that 3 of the six fourth year CAs now live in Bellingham, so the hybrid model would apply regardless.

9. We reviewed that the next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for November 23, two days before Thanksgiving. The committee members present felt that this would not impact their attendance.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scot Gibson

Next Meetings 2021-2022: Nov 23, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24